

## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

May 17, 2007

Members Present: Teresa Rundell      Randall Pedersen      Sharon Luka  
                         Francis Dreiling      Natasha Behner      Mike Weaver  
                         Dennis Boepple      Phyllis Anderson

Guest: Ron Alexander

Staff Present: Jason Gage

Members Absent: Doug Rudick

Teresa Rundell called the meeting to order at 4:05 p. m.

#### I. PUBLIC COMMENT      None

#### II. GENERAL

- A. *Introduction of new members:* Sharon Luka
- B. Approval of February 15, 2007, minutes

#### III. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding the tension on J C Penneys' doors. Youth Staff at the Independent Living Center are working on doing a check at the Central Mall. Deadline for completion is August 2007.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Transition Plan Update:** A formal paper update will be prepared for the next meeting. Stoplights at Santa Fe and Iron will allow ramps to be placed in. The corners at Fifth and Iron are also being updated, along with one corner on 7<sup>th</sup> and Iron.
- B. **Transportation Funding Update:** A fixed route transportation system is being investigated. Agency contracts with a dollar limit and a more defined structure. Jason will report on 2008 transportation funding at the next meeting.
- C. **Spangles Accessibility Update:** Jason said that Spangle's corporate office representatives agreed to incorporate the overflow line logistics into their training manuals.
- D. **Other Business:** Guest Ron Alexander spoke about his past experiences with other communities. He is pleased about what is currently going in comparison to the past. Interested in artist who are physically challenged becoming represented in this community and the creation of a program to assist in moving their art. Interested in the number of physically challenged individuals working for the city and overall employed in this community.

Jason Gage broke down the hiring process done by the City of Salina. Noted that generally only ethnicity is tracked. Feels that disabilities can be added to the application process. Will look into the language and let us know.

Discussion about how those with disabilities generally do not choose to disclose because of fears regarding discrimination. Jason Gage discussed the disability accommodation process.

Discussion about advocating for more outreach. \*\*Possibly partnering with Salina Area Chamber of Commerce for business awareness. \*\* Possibly partnering with Salina Arts & Humanities to see what can be done to assist artists with the galleries and moving the art.

Discussion about using Community Access Television of Salina, Inc. to assist with community awareness. Sharon Luka and Mike Weaver will not be able to participate. Natasha Behner will work on example scripts.

Sharon Luka said thank you to the group.

Meetings for 2007:

August 16 @ 4 p.m.

November 15 @4 p.m.

Moved to adjourn by Teresa Rundell; Dennis Boepple second. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Continue to update board on:

- A. Transition Plan work progress.
- B. Transportation issue in community regarding agency collaboration and services provided
- C. Accessibility of Spangles, J C Penneys, Central Mall
- D. Partnerships in community regarding awareness campaign.

Item(s) not covered from previous meeting(s) to be placed on next agenda:

- A. Staff to research ADA guideline websites and propose adding to City website

\*\* Goals for this year.